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LOK SABHA

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ADULTERATION IN PETROL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the petrol available at filling stations is not free from adulteration even if it passes the Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) specifications;

(b) if so, whether there is no foolproof method to detect adulteration in petrol;

(c) if so, whether the Government have received some representations from the automobile industry stating that the vehicle warranty should be linked with fuel quality assurance;

(d) if so, the action, the Government have taken in the matter;

(e) whether the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) has asked for an independent fuel quality monitoring agency in Delhi to ensure public accountability of oil companies; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) : It is the understanding of experts dealing with fuel quality both nationally and internationally that various parameters indicated in BIS specification of petrol (IS 2796) are adequate to check petrol for adulteration, if any, when tested for all the parameters.The same test parameters are provided in all international specifications such as ASTM,

IP, ISO, etc. and are being followed world over. A satisfactory check on whether a petrol sample is adulterated or not can be found out when a sample is collected and analysed as per the protocol given in existing Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG).

(b) : In view of complex nature of composition of petrol, some countries abroad are following approach of chemical/bio-markers but these practices are not wide spread.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) : Does not arise.

(e) : Yes, Sir.

(f) : An Anti Adulteration Cell has been set up under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, which interalia also acts as an agency for monitoring petrol & diesel quality.